

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: WA-004530-6

APPLICANT: Town of Reardan
P.O. Box 228
Reardan, WA 99029

The Town of Reardan has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

An application for the Town of Reardan was submitted to the Department of Ecology for review. The application indicates that no changes in the treatment characteristics of the effluent process or volume of wastewater has occurred. However, the Town of Reardan is the final stages of the preparation of contract documents for the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and bidding is scheduled for this spring.

The permit issued to the Town of Reardan on September 8, 2000 contains interim and final effluent limits which are still valid. This fact sheet addendum accompanies the draft permit, which is to be reauthorized to the Town of Reardan for the discharge of wastewater to Audubon Lake. The previous fact sheet is also part of this administrative record and explains the basis for the discharge limitations and conditions of the reauthorized permit.

The existing permit requirements, including discharge limitations and monitoring, will not be changed at this time other than compliance schedule and submittal requirement for reports. The previous fact sheet addressed conditions and issues at the facility at the time when the previous permit was issued, and statements made reflected the status in 1999. Since the issuance of the current permit, the Department has not received any information which indicates that environmental impacts from the discharge that were evaluated at the time of the last permit issuance and as part of ongoing monitoring of Audubon Lake since then is persuasive enough to undertake a complete renewal of the permit. The reauthorized permit contains revisions to the compliance schedule reflecting items completed and revised timelines imposed by funding awards and agreements.

A tentative determination has been made to reauthorize this permit based on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/eastern_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Eastern Regional Office, please call (509) 329-3400, e-mail cywa461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the

final determination. The publication date of this notice is April 29, 2004. Comments should be sent to:

Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
N. 4601 Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205

E-mail comments should be sent to rkoc461@ecy.wa.gov.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3537 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.